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FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

November 3, 2015

Meeting convened by President Lorie Cook-Benjamin

1. FS minutes were approved
2. Announcements
 - a. Shared Governance – Pres. Cook-Benjamin
 - i. Reminder of January 15th town meeting
 - ii. College yet-to-be-named as a process in place for tenure/promotion
 - iii. Technology up-date – Joy Hatch distributed handout which will be sent electronically to all faculty
 - iv. Faculty Growth Model – Provost Glynn shared info on numbers and how new positions are determined
 - b. President Martin and Provost Glynn answered questions.
 - i. State funding will be cut – amount yet to be determined
 - ii. Graduation rates at FHSU not acceptable (44% national rate). Would like to work together to achieve 70% graduation rate in 10 years.
 - c. KBOR – COFSP – Pres. Cook-Benjamin
 - i. New college and management/marketing split on Nov. KBOR agenda.
 - ii. COFSP will meet with COGRO to discuss ways to improve public's perceptions of higher education in Kansas.
 - iii. COFSP and University Support Staff will administer a survey to all faculty and staff on gun control. Docking will present data from survey January 15th.
 - iv. Sponsored by the ADP, FS, and GSA and University Support Staff will hope a campus forum on weapons possession and campus safety on January 26th. More information to follow.
3. Reports of Standing Committees
 - a. Academic Affairs – Senators Burnett and Donnelly
 - i. Approval process – all new courses through Lotus Notes platform. Deans and chairs will not be required to approve only write a letter of support. The submission will be finalized with the Assistant Provost of Academic Affairs, Dr. Crowley. Then will go to Faculty Senate Academic Affairs.
 - ii. FS – AA will review course approval checklist in Lotus Notes.
 - b. Strategic Planning and Improvement – Senator Goodlett
 - i. Revisions of academic committees
 - ii. Mentoring Program – for faculty, they are looking at a survey to get a sense of what new faculty need.
 - c. University Affairs – Senator Hamlin
 - i. End of term evaluations – discussion of ways to best facilitate this. Something about evaluations was passed by FS in 2014. UA will look into this.
 - ii. Librarians and Rank – distributed handout on current roles and definition as presented in the MOA. Discussed by FS. UA will contact Jennifer Sauer for additional points on this issue.
 - d. Student Affairs – Senator Walters

- i. Students question mid-term grades. Shouldn't all students receive them?
 - ii. No more submission of names for Who's Who for Students
 - iii. Student Success Week
 - iv. DoNut Cheat – November 4th
- e. Partnerships and Technology – Senator Yang
 - i. Electronic Portfolios
 - ii. Senate involvement for virtual and international full-time faculty – conference available for a year

FS voted to increase FS time by 15 minutes to complete the agenda. Motion carried.

- 4. Liaison Reports
 - a. Faculty Values Steering Committee – Senator Goodlett – committee going through checklist provided by the Provost.
 - b. Faculty Workload Task Force – Not available
 - c. AAUP – Linda Smith – there has been increased interest in joining AAUP this year
- 5. Unfinished Business
 - a. Change of December meeting date – Monday, December 7.
- 6. New Business
- 7. Adjournment 5:15 PM